

Division Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division Band, and 1st Brigade Combat Team Re-stationing to Ft Carson, Colorado

The Division Special Troops Battalion (DSTB), 4th Infantry Division Band (4ID Band), and 1st Brigade Combat Team (1BCT) are moving from Fort Hood, Texas to Fort Carson, Colorado during the summer of 2009. Human Resources Command (HRC) is working diligently with the G1, 4th Infantry Division to ensure all Soldiers receive notification of movement in a timely manner. The goal is for all Soldiers to receive movement notification no later than the first week of January 2009; either for movement to Fort Carson or HRC assignment instructions to another unit. *Soldiers moving to assignments outside of 4th ID will receive assignment instructions from HRC no later than December 2008.* Soldiers will cast their vote for their movement option through the following methods: 1) Enlisted Soldiers will log onto Army Knowledge On-line (AKO) portal and use the automated Assignment Satisfaction Key (ASK) to inform HRC of their assignment preference, 2) Officers and Warrant Officers will annotate their assignment preference on the Personnel Disposition Report, 3) All Soldiers are encouraged to correspond directly with their branch manager to communicate their assignment preferences.

FAQs: Fort Carson Re-stationing

Q: When will 4ID re-station to Fort Carson?

A: The Division Special Troops Battalion (DSTB), 4th Infantry Division Band (4ID Band), and 1st Brigade Combat Team (1BCT) will remain at Fort Hood until redeployment from Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Upon completion of the 90 day post-deployment stabilization period, eligible Soldiers and their families will begin moving to Fort Carson on unit movement orders as directed by their command. The unit commanders will establish the flow of movement for Soldiers and their families to Fort Carson; the entire unit will not move on one day, but through coordinated groups. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th BCTs are already located at Fort Carson. The Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) will move to a new location at a later date.

Q: How soon can I move my family to Fort Carson?

A: The unit will complete the coordination for your movement date. Units normally move in phases to ensure the losing and gaining installations can manage the flow of Soldiers and families throughout the community. Please coordinate with your unit S1 Section for specific movement dates.

Q: What is the service obligation to move to Fort Carson with the unit?

A: HRC has approved a waiver reducing the 24-month service remaining requirement to a 12-month Service Remaining Requirement (SRR) for Soldiers moving to Fort Carson on the unit movement order. This means a Soldier must have 12 months of active duty remaining on his/her contract upon arrival at Fort Carson. The published execution date (e-date) for the unit move will be utilized to calculate if Soldiers meet the SRR to move to Fort Carson.

Q: Will my re-enlistment option for stabilization at Fort Hood be honored or will I have to move to Fort Carson?

A: Your re-enlistment for stabilization at Fort Hood will be honored and you will not have to move to Fort Carson.

Soldiers who reenlisted for stabilization at Fort Hood prior to 28 March 2008, have renegotiated their contracts for one of the following choices: 1) Remain at Fort Hood for assignment to a Fort Hood unit or 2) Move with their unit to Fort Carson

Soldiers reenlisting after 28 March 2008 for stabilization: 1) May reenlist for Fort Hood as their station of choice and receive an assignment to a unit on Fort Hood or 2) May reenlist for unit stabilization with 4th ID and move to Fort Carson with their unit.

Q: How do I voice my preference for what I want to do for the move to Fort Carson?

A: Soldiers will voice their preference for the Fort Carson re-stationing through the following means:

Enlisted Personnel

Enlisted Soldiers will use the Assignment Satisfaction Key (ASK) on the Army Knowledge On-line (AKO) portal, an automated Personnel Disposition Report communicating directly to HRC, to voice their preference for assignment considerations for the move to Fort Carson.

Soldiers can access ASK through <https://www.ask.army.mil/ask> or by logging onto AKO, select Self Service tab, select My Personnel, and ASK is the 4th ICON on the right side of the page.

Officer Personnel

Officers and Warrant Officers will provide input through a manual Personnel Disposition Report (PDR) to voice their preference for post-deployment assignment considerations.

All Personnel

After making your preferences known via ASK or the PDR, all Soldiers may contact their branch managers for assignment availability.

Q: Will the commander implement Stop Loss/Stop Move to ensure enough Soldiers move to Fort Carson with the units?

A: No, Stop Loss/Stop Move is utilized for deploying units, not units re-stationing to a new location. Soldiers possessing PCS or separation orders will PCS to their new unit or separate from the Army.

Q: Will my family and I be able to remain at Fort Hood long enough to complete the current school year?

A: The Commanding General's guidance is to make every effort to move all Soldiers with family members after the end of the current school year to ensure children receive full academic credit for the year.

Q: Will my family and I arrive at Fort Carson prior to the start of the new school year?

A: The Commanding General's guidance is to make every effort to move all Soldiers with family members prior to the beginning of the new school year at Fort Carson and Colorado Springs. The 2009 - 2010 school year is currently scheduled to start on or about 6 August 2009.

Q: What happens to me if I do not move with the Division to Fort Carson?

A: Soldiers not moving with 4ID units to Fort Carson will receive PCS or separation orders.

Q: If I am PCSing after the unit moves to Fort Carson, what will happen to me?

A: Soldiers on PCS orders will comply with their reassignment instructions and will remain at Fort Hood until their departure.

Q: If I am separating from the Army after the unit moves to Fort Carson, what will happen to me?

A: Soldiers with an approved separation from Active Duty will remain at Fort Hood and separate on their separation date.

Q: Can I take transitional leave with my separation?

A: Yes, a Soldier may take transitional leave in conjunction with his/her approved separation.

Q: Can I combine leave, permissive TDY, and Post Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMRA) for transitional leave?

A: Yes, a Soldier can combine accrued leave, permissive TDY (for retirees), and PDMRA for transitional leave. You will need to see your S1 Section to determine the amount of accumulated PDMRA.

Q: How soon can I apply for retirement post-deployment?

A: Normally, qualified Soldiers may apply for retirement no earlier than 12 months and no later than 9 months prior to the requested retirement date. For the deployment, HRC has granted an exception to policy for Soldiers to apply for retirement up to 15 months prior to the requested retirement date. The retirement must be prior to 1 April 2010. After 31 Dec 08, the window to request a retirement will return to 12 months prior to the requested retirement date.

Q: I own a house, should my spouse put it on the market for sale?

A: Selling your home is a personal decision and Soldiers should validate their movement status prior to making a decision on keeping or selling their home. HRC will issue assignment instructions no-later-than December 2008 and G1 anticipates identification of all Soldiers moving to Fort Carson no-later-than mid-month January 2009.

Q: As a permanent civilian working in the Division, what are my options concerning the move to Fort Carson?

A: All permanent civilian positions in the 4ID HQ and in 1BCT will move with those respective units to Fort Carson. Permanent civilian personnel have the following options: 1) PCS with the unit to Fort Carson (IAW all applicable regulatory guidance concerning civilian PCS moves), 2) Remain at Fort Hood and be placed in another civilian position on post, via the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program, or 3) Retire.

Q. As a temporary civilian hire, am I authorized to move to Fort Carson.

A: There is no provision to allow temporary civilian hires to PCS to Fort Carson. The temporary period of hire will expire prior to the unit's move. None of the permanent civilian hire options are available for temporary civilian hires.